SIMULIUM AUSTENI EDWARDS, 1915 (INSECTA, DIPTERA): PROPOSED PRECEDENCE OVER *SIMULIA POSTICATA* MEIGEN, 1838. Z.N.(S.)2560

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Simulium austeni Edwards, 1915 (p. 33) was described from England. The species is distributed in Central and Northern Europe and is sometimes bloodsucking. The name is in general current use, as shown by the following selected references: Puri (1925, p. 347, first excellent figures); Rubtsov (1940, p. 441; 1956, p. 778; 1959–1964, p. 556); Zwolski (1959, p. 245); Ussowa (1961, p. 178); Davies (1966, p. 488); Raastad (1975, p. 93); Patruscheva (1976, p. 317); Zwick (1974, p. 15; 1978, p. 402); Niesiolowski (1980, p. 257); Rubtsov & Jankovsky (1984, p. 153).

2. *Simulia posticata* Meigen, 1838 (p. 52) was described from Europe without any indication of exact locality. Beginning with Schiner (1864) the name was considered to be a junior subjective synonym of *Simulium reptans* (Linnaeus, 1758).

3. Zwick & Crosskey (1981, p. 240) found *S. posticata* to be synonymous with *S. austeni* and have designated a lectotype of *S. posticata* from the Meigen collection in the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris. Contrary to established usage but in accordance with the Principle of Priority they used *Simulium posticatum* Meigen, 1838 as the valid name and *S. austeni* as a junior synonym.

4. In accordance with Article 79c of the Code the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature is asked:

(1) to rule under the plenary powers that the specific name *austeni* Edwards, 1915, as published in the binomen *Simulium austeni* is to be given nomenclatural precedence over the specific name *posticata* Meigen, 1838, as published in the binomen *Simulia posticata,* whenever the two names are considered synonyms;

(2) to place the following names on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:

(a) *austeni* Edwards, 1915, as published in the binomen *Simulium austeni* with an endorsement that it is to be given nomenclatural precedence over *posticata* Meigen, 1838, as published in the binomen *Simulia posticata,* whenever the two names are considered synonyms;

(b) *posticata* Meigen, 1838, as published in the binomen *Simulia posticata,* with an endorsement that it is not to be given priority over *austeni* Edwards, 1915, as published in the binomen *Simulium austeni,* whenever the two names are considered synonyms.

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